



Att. Dkt. No. 016906-0397

**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

Applicant: Holger AUCHTER et al.  
Title: CLAMP FOR FASTENING AND CONNECTING TUBES  
Appl. No.: 10/538,884  
International Filing Date: 11/14/2003  
371(c) Date: 6/14/2005  
Examiner: David BOCHNA  
Art Unit: 3679  
Confirmation Number: 8845

**REQUEST FOR CONTINUED EXAMINATION (RCE)**  
**TRANSMITTAL**

Mail Stop RCE  
Commissioner for Patents  
P.O. Box 1450  
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

This is a Request for Continued Examination (RCE) under 37 C.F.R. § 1.114 of the above-identified application. This RCE and the enclosed items listed below are being filed prior to the earliest of: (1) payment of the issue fee (unless a petition under 37 C.F.R. § 1.313 is granted); (2) abandonment of the application; or (3) the filing of a notice of appeal to the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Federal Circuit under 35 U.S.C. §141, or the commencement of a civil action under 35 U.S.C. §145 or §146 (unless the appeal or civil action is terminated).

1. Submission required under 37 C.F.R. §1.114: (check items that apply)

a. Previously submitted:

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02 FC:1251

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- ☒ Please enter and consider the amendment and/or reply previously filed on August 3, 2007.
- ☐ Please consider the Affidavit(s)/Declaration(s) previously filed on \_\_ but not considered.
- ☐ Please consider the arguments in the Appeal Brief or Reply previously filed on \_\_.
- ☐ Other \_\_.
- b. Enclosed are:
- ☐ Amendment/Reply.
- ☐ Affidavit(s)/Declaration(s).
- ☐ Information Disclosure Statement.
- ☐ Form PTO/SB/08 with copies of \_\_ listed reference(s).
- ☐ Other .

Miscellaneous:

- ☐ Suspension of action of the above-identified application is requested under 37 C.F.R. § 1.103(c) for a period of \_\_ months.

The filing fee is calculated below:

	Claims as Amended	Previously Paid For	Extra Claims Present	Rate	Fee Totals
RCE Fee 1.17(e):				\$790.00	= \$790.00
Total Claims:	16	- 20	= 0	x \$50.00	= \$0.00
Independents	3	- 3	= 0	x \$200.00	= \$0.00
First presentation of any Multiple Dependent Claims:				+ \$360.00	= \$0.00

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CLAIMS FEE TOTAL: = \$790.00

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[ X ] Applicant hereby petitions for an extension of time under 37 C.F.R. §1.136(a) for the  
total number of months checked below:

[ X ]	Extension for response filed within the first month:	\$120.00	1	\$120.00
[ ]	Extension for response filed within the second month:	\$450.00		\$0.00
[ ]	Extension for response filed within the third month:	\$1,020.00		\$0.00
[ ]	Extension for response filed within the fourth month:	\$1,590.00		\$0.00
[ ]	Extension for response filed within the fifth month:	\$2,160.00		\$0.00
	EXTENSION FEE SUBTOTAL:			\$120.00
	EXTENSION FEE ALREADY PAID:	-		\$0.00
	EXTENSION FEE TOTAL			\$120.00
	CLAIMS AND EXTENSION FEE TOTAL:			\$910.00
[ ]	Small Entity Fees Apply (subtract ½ of above):			\$0.00
[ ]	Suspension of action requested under 37 C.F.R. § 1.103(c)			\$0.00
	TOTAL FEE:			\$910.00

A credit card payment form in the amount of \$910.00 to cover the filing fee is enclosed.

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional fees which may be required regarding this application under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.16-1.17, or credit any overpayment, to Deposit Account No. 19-0741. Should no proper payment be enclosed herewith, as by the credit card payment form being unsigned, providing incorrect information resulting in a rejected credit card transaction, or even entirely missing, the Commissioner is authorized to charge the unpaid amount to Deposit Account No. 19-0741.

Please direct all correspondence to the undersigned attorney or agent at the address indicated below.

Respectfully submitted,

Date 9/4/07

By P.D.S.

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